

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and a dark backpack strap, is pointing his right index finger towards a large, colorful, abstract machine. The machine is composed of many overlapping, translucent, geometric shapes in various colors like red, blue, green, yellow, and purple. It has a large, white, curved surface on the left side. The background is dark and indistinct.

THAT.

THE BIG, OLD  
RANDOM MACHINE.


TELL ME ABOUT  
THAT ONE.



ALL THE TOUGHEST S-RANKER  
SKILLS THAT BELONGED  
TO THOSE THAT FOUGHT  
MR X AND LOST,

ARE STORED IN ITEM FORM  
AND KEPT IN THAT MACHINE!!





...BUT WHAT IF I REALLY  
MUST HAVE A GO  
AT THAT MACHINE--



**CURRENT RANK**  
**A**

**NUMBER OF DICE USED**  
**278**

**PHYSICAL LIST**

**DEFENSE** **FLEXIBILITY** **ENERGY** **SPEED**

IS THERE SOME OTHER WAY  
I CAN PAY THE PRICE?





# DICE

THE FIRST CHANCE YOU GET TO LIVE

STAGE [1][2][3]:

CHARIOT (5)

SO YOU'RE SAYING...



INSTEAD OF  
UNUSED DICE

YOU WANT TO USE THOSE  
THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
SYNCED, YES...?







3!  
DONGTAE!



NOPE. THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU CAN TAKE SOMEONE  
ELSE'S DICE,  
BUT YOU MAY NOT RECYCLE  
THE ONES YOU'VE USED  
ON YOURSELF.

YOU MISUNDERSTOOD  
THE PVP RULES.





SO IS THERE  
NO OTHER  
WAY.

BUT IF WE DON'T  
DO SOMETHING NOW

SHAKE

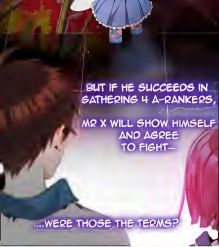
OH,  
MR DONSTAE IS IN  
A BET WITH MR X,  
RIGHT?



AT THIS RATE, NOT ONLY  
WILL MR DONGTAE BE IN DANGER,  
SO WILL MS MIO.

IF YOU LOSE, MR DONGTAE  
AND ALL HIS TEAM MATES  
WILL BE SUBJECT TO  
BEING PUBLIC TARGETS,





DO YOU REALLY  
BELIEVE THAT'S POSSIBLE?

ISN'T THAT RANDOM MACHINE  
PROOF THAT  
EVEN  
NUMEROUS S-RANKERS  
HAVE FAILED?

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NO,  
I THINK IT'S  
POSSIBLE.





....IT DEFINITELY IS!

WELL,

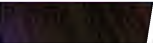
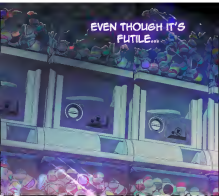
I CAN'T HOLD YOU BELIEVING  
THINGS AGAINST YOU.

WISHING  
ON A SHOOTING  
STAR,  
OR SEEKING OUT  
THE BLUE FAIRY

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PEOPLE HAVE DONE IT  
FOR CENTURIES.



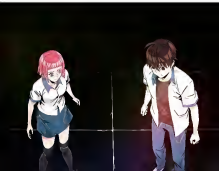




FORTUNATELY...

THERE IS A WAY TO  
PLAY THE RANDOM MACHINE  
WITHOUT ANY UNUSED DICE.







WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY?





CONTROL ROOM

EE  
EE  
OE

B









PREPARE FOR PVP!

THERE YOU ARE,  
TIME PAUSE DICE!

HAS HE GOTTEN  
CLOSER?



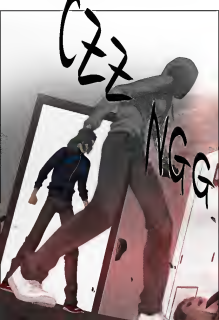




〈TIME PAUSE〉









STOMP

STOMP





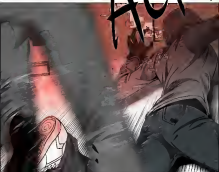




CHIZZING



SM  
ACK







I WAS  
WONDERING IF YOU  
USE DECOYS, TOO,  
BUT GOOD, IT LOOKS  
LIKE YOU DON'T.

WHY ARE YOU  
HERE!





HOW DID YOU FIND OUT  
THAT THERE'S AN  
A-RANKER  
HERE?



**ANSWER!!**



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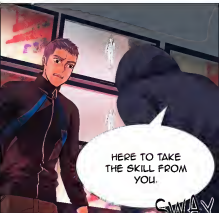
SWISH

SO IT'S YOU.

...TIME PAUSE  
USER.



I'M HERE



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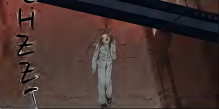


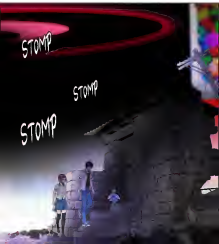


WHAT..?!









STOMP

STOMP



SWISH

...THIS WAY, PLEASE.

!...



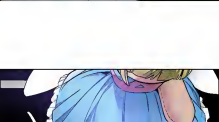


# GULP

TO THINK THIS IS  
THE INSIDE  
OF MY HOUSE,  
IT FEELS STRANGE...

THINK! WHY COULD  
IT BE A HOLE IN  
THE FLOOR?

THINK  
THINK





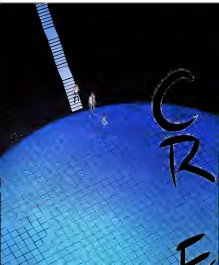


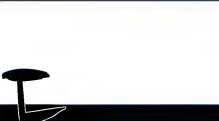
WE'RE HERE.





THIS IS THE HIDDEN STAGE.







T-THIS IS MASSIVE,  
HUH  
...?

SWISH

OH, MS. MIO!  
ONLY THE PERSON COMPETING  
CAN STEP ONTO THE STAGE.

HALT

OH?!



ANYONE ON STAGE WILL  
BE RECOGNIZED AS AN OPPONENT  
FOR THE GHOST.  
SO YOU'LL EARN DONGTAE  
NEGATIVE POINTS.

!!  
WHAT....



MIO.  
JUST WAIT FOR ME  
THERE.



WHY?  
I CAN FIGHT WITH  
YOU!

I TOLD YOU  
I WAS GOING TO  
KEEP YOU SAFE.

SO WHAT  
GOOD DOES IT





DO YOU REALLY  
DO IF YOU PUT  
YOURSELF  
IN DANGER?



AS THE  
BLUE FAIRY SAID,  
THE PRIZES FOR WINNING  
ARE PRETTY AWESOME!  
AND I'LL GET SOME

FOR US!

...OK.  
PLEASE BE  
CAREFUL.

HAHAHA





STOMP




STOMP

TAP

SO, SHOULD I GIVE YOU  
A RUNDOWN OF  
<THE GHOST MODE> ONCE MORE?



...  
NO, THANKS.



A person's legs, wearing dark pants and black shoes, are visible in the foreground. In the background, a small girl with dark hair, wearing a dark dress, stands on a rooftop or ledge. The scene is set against a dark blue night sky with a faint moon or star visible in the upper left corner.

I'M SUPPOSED TO FIGHT  
A VIRTUAL GHOST CHARACTER  
THAT'S IN THE DICE RECORDS.

FOR EVERY WIN,  
I CAN TURN THE LEVER  
ONCE. RIGHT?

NO WAY TO TELL

WHO'S GONNA BE  
THE GMSOT THOUGH...!



YEP, CONVERSELY,  
SHOULD MR. DONSTAE LOSE  
TO THE GHOST,

YOU WILL LOSE ONE OF  
THE 278 DICE AT RANDOM.

A

NUMBER OF  
DICE USED

278

THESE THREE DICE

WILL LOSE EXACTLY

WILL DECIDE EXACTLY  
HOW MUCH YOU'LL LOSE...!

HUNDREDS



0,1,2

TENS



0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7

ONES



1,2,3,4,  
5,6,7,8



IF YOU LOSE,  
YOU MAY LOSE ONE,  
OR ALL 278!





BUT,  
THERE ARE ONLY  
0, 1 AND 2  
IN THE HUNDREDS.


THIS IS SUPER DANGEROUS...

OUR DESIRE TO HAVE A GO ON  
RANDOM MACHINE  
MIGHT TOTALLY BACKFIRE ON US!



YES,  
SO YOU SAID.





A comic panel showing a character's torso. The character is wearing a white shirt with a blue collar and a black vest. A large speech bubble is positioned in the upper right, containing the text 'THAT'S ENOUGH EXPLANATION, NOW BRING ON THE GHOST!'. To the left of the speech bubble, there is handwritten-style text that reads 'I NEED TO LEVEL UP QUICK AND GO BASS!'. The background is a simple gradient of orange and yellow.

THAT'S ENOUGH  
EXPLANATION,  
NOW BRING ON THE  
GHOST!

.....WHO'S IT GOING TO  
BE?

GULP



POSSIBLY...  
MUYEONG?

OR TAEBIN'S  
OLD FRIENDS...?

I WANT  
TO KNOW THE TRUTH

COULD AN IMMENSELY  
STRONG DICE

THAT I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE  
APPEAR...

WHISPER

A GHOST IS PREPARED  
ACCORDING TO YOUR  
LEVEL AND SKILL.

SO NO NEED  
TO WORRY-!







WELL,  
THEN THAT'S GOOD,  
BUT....

HIDDEN STAGE  
<GHOST MODE>  
ACTIVATED.

CHILL

!!

NG





CHILL  
ZM  
NG

IT'S STARTING!!



BRINGING ON  
GHOST CHARACTER  
<???>.





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GN



SWISH!







SWISH

HUH....?





—

IS IT...?!



GASP



EH...

HEHHH....?!

SWISH!

SWISH!



GHOST CHARACTER  
<PPP> HAS BEEN  
SUMMONED  
AND GENERATED.

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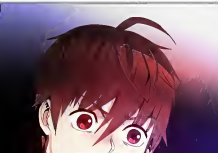




WHAT...?!!

.....WHY?!!

THIS IS NONSENSE...!!







B-BYUNGSCHEOL?!





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